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SUBJECT: AN ADVANCE LOOK AT THE IAEA BUDGET FOR 1979

1. MISSION HAS OBTAINED PRELIMINARY INFORMATION ON IAEA BUDGET FOR 1979. THE AGENCY REGULAR BUDGET IS PRESENTLY EXPECTED TO INCREASE BY APPROXIMATELY 40 PERCENT FROM \$51,000,000 FOR 1978, AND SHOULD END UP IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF \$70,000,000. MAJOR FACTORS IN THE BUDGET GROWTH WILL BE AN INCREASE OF 78 POSITIONS (48 PROFESSIONAL, 30 NON-PROFESSIONAL) IN SAFEGUARDS (ESTIMATED INCREASE \$4 MILLION), DOLLAR EROSION (ESTIMATED COST \$5.9 MILLION), AND COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH MOVING INTO AND OPERATING THE DONAU PARK FACILITY IN 1979 (ESTIMATED AT \$4.7 MILLION). PRICE INCREASES AMOUNT TO ABOUT \$2.7 MILLION OR 5.3 PERCENT (VS 6.8 PERCENT FOR 1978).

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2. INCREASES OF SMALLER MAGNITUDE, WHICH HAVE BEEN LONG PUT OFF BUT NOW MUST BE FACED, OCCUR IN OTHER PROGRAMS. FOR INSTANCE, GROWTH IN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE STAFF HAS BEEN VERY SLOW OVER LAST FEW YEARS (TOTAL POSITIONS IN 1974--50, IN 1978--56) AND THE PROGRAM HAS GONE FROM \$2.2 MILLION IN 1974 TO \$5.4 MILLION

IN 1978 FOR EXPERTS AND EQUIPMENT, EXCLUDING FOOTNOTE
A PROJECTS. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE DIVISION WILL ASK
FOR NINE NEW POSITIONS (4 PROFESSIONAL, 5 NON-
PROFESSIONAL). THE BUDGET AND FINANCE DIVISION OPERATES
NOW WITH 13 FEWER EMPLOYEES THAN IT HAD IN 1973,
BUT THE WORK LOAD HAS GROWN SUBSTANTIALLY, AND THE
DIVISION WILL ASK FOR SEVEN NEW POSITIONS (3 PRO-
FESSIONAL, 4 NON-PROFESSIONAL). ADDITIONAL POSITIONS
IN OTHER DIVISIONS WILL ALSO BE REQUESTED TO BRING
THE TOTAL OF POSITIONS REQUESTED TO 106.

3. BASED ON A SAFEGUARDS BUDGET OF \$16,000,000 AND
FACT THAT USSR, ITALY AND EIGHT OTHER COUNTRIES WILL
REJOIN LIST OF COUNTRIES PAYING THEIR FULL SHARE OF
SAFEGUARDS COSTS, UNITED STATES OVERALL RATE OF
ASSESSMENT SHOULD DECLINE FROM 26.29 PERCENT IN 1978
TO 26.18 PERCENT IN 1979. U.S. ASSESSED CONTRIBUTION
SHOULD COME TO ABOUT \$18,300,000. LABOWITZ

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